

March 7, 1876.

Dr. A. Günther, F.R.S., V.P., in the Chair.

The Secretary read the following report on the additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of February, 1876 :—

The total number of registered additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of February was 67, of which 36 were acquired by presentation, 21 by purchase, 5 by exchange, 3 were bred in the Gardens, and 2 were received on deposit. The total number of departures during the same period, by death and removals, was 111.

The most noticeable additions during the month of February were as follows :—

1. An example of the very singular Cervine form lately described by Mr. Swinhoe in the Society's 'Proceedings' as *Lophotragus michianus* (P. Z. S. 1874, p. 452).

This animal was procured by Mr. A. Michie, of Shanghai (the discoverer of the species), in the Ningpo district of China, and forwarded to this country for sale. We purchased it from his agent on the 12th ult. for £35.

The general appearance of the animal is very well indicated in the plate (P. Z. S. 1874, pl. lix.) prepared by Mr. Keulemans from



*Lophotragus michianus* ♂.

the flat skin upon which Mr. Swinhoe founded the species, and which is now in the Royal Zoological Museum of Berlin.

The animal is a male; and the canines project from the sides of the mouth as in *Hydropotes*. There are no external antlers: but there are hard projecting cores, sensible to the touch, beneath the elongated hairs which form a flattened disk on the forehead, as will be seen by the drawing (see woodcut, p. 273) which I exhibit.

Our Prosecutor will, no doubt, give us a complete account of this most interesting form when our specimen dies.

2. Two White-backed Pigeons (*Columba leuconota*), from the Himalayas, purchased 16th February; and

3. A Narrow-barred Pigeon (*Macropygia leptogrammica*), from Celebes, purchased 16th February. Both these Pigeons are new to the collection.

4. A Bay Bamboo-Rat (*Rhizomys badius*), from India, received the 16th February.

We have to thank Mr. Wood-Mason, of the Indian Museum, Calcutta, for his present of an example of this interesting Rodent, which is quite new to us.

5. A female Anderson's Kaleege (*Euplocamus andersoni*), from Burmah, presented by Mr. W. Jamrach, 18th February.

We have not previously received examples of this species of Kaleege, which is curiously intermediate between *E. nycthemerus* and *E. lineatus*.

Mr. Selater exhibited a skin of a female of Anderson's Pheasant (*Euplocamus andersoni*, Elliot, P. Z. S. 1871, p. 137), which had been obtained alive from Burmah by Mr. W. Jamrach, along with another specimen of the same sex, which he had presented to the Society's collection.

Mr. Selater stated that there could be little doubt that the *Phasianus crawfurdi*, J. E. Gray, in Griffith's Cuv. Anim. Kingdom, vol. viii. p. 27, established upon a drawing in the possession of Mr. Crawford (which Mr. Gould had reproduced in his 'Birds of Asia' as the female of *E. praelatus*) was really the female of *E. andersoni*, which species should therefore, in strictness, be called *Euplocamus crawfurdi*.

Dr. Günther exhibited specimens of *Antechinus minutissimus*, obtained by one of Herr Godeffroy's collectors in the neighbourhood of Rockhampton, Australia,—and called special attention to the great development of the genital organs, even in the young when in the pouch, by which the sexes might be distinguished at this early stage.

Dr. Günther also exhibited, and made observations on, specimens of a species of *Palythoa* (probably *P. actinella* of Oscar Schmidt) parasitic on a Sponge, which had been obtained at Naples by Dr. Bal-four, and belonged to the Cambridge Museum.

The following papers were read:—